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REMARKS

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1. On 17 March 1952, four T-34 tanks [redacted] 1 T-34 tank without a turret, 1 jeep and trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Pfaffstaetten (O 49/X 37) freight station north of Baden (O 49/X 37). The tanks mounted guns without muzzle brakes, had driver's hatches at the front side and were fitted with bogie wheels consisting of disk wheels and perforated wheels in alternating sequence. They were marked with a small red star [redacted]. The vehicles had come from the direction of Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). A train without a locomotive was at the loading ramp about noon. A few officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were nearby. At 4 p.m., the train had pulled out toward an undetermined direction. No further loadings were in progress in the afternoon. *
2. On 14 March, three groups of about 30 officers each received training on the terrain near the former Flak Kaserne in Baden. Vehicles and soldiers at the installation were identified as follows:
Trucks driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets:

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Trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets:

Jeeps driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets:

Jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets:

Sedan driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets:

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3. The following vehicles were parked in front of the former federal technical school in Moedling (O 49/X 37) on 18 March:

Trucks

Sedans

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All vehicles were occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Jeeps all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen entering and leaving the installation. Truck sedan and jeep, all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, parked in front of the former central school of the Austrian federal police. Jeep driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in the yard of the Hyrtl Orphanage. Twenty-eight soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets practiced telephone line construction behind the orphanage using reels. Nine armored scout cars and nine trucks stood in the sheds of the parking lot on the premises of the former automobile and aircraft engine plant on Gabrielerstrasse. The vehicles were guarded. Trucks were parked in the yard.

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- * Comment. The vehicles and tanks loaded at the Pfaffstaetten freight station belong to the 45th Gds Recz Regt of the 13th Gds Recz Div in Traiskirchen. The shipment was presumably bound for the target range near Bruck on the Leitha River. Various elements of the 13th Gds Recz Div stayed there for firing practice with live ammunition.

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